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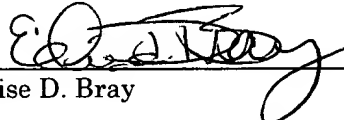
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Elise D. Bray

Application Number : 09/772,100
Filing Date : January 26, 2001
Inventor(s) : Prem S. Singh
Title : HIGH TEMPERATURE METHOD FOR BROWNING
PRECOOKED, WHOLE MUSCLE MEAT PRODUCTS
Group Art Unit : 1761
Examiner Name : Nina Bhat
Docket No. : 42892/KMO/C945 Date: February 19, 2003

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

This application is **not** an application of the kind specified in 37 CFR § 1.114(e).

1. THE STATUS OF THE APPLICATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

- a. ☒ Pending (no review proceedings active)
- (1) ☐ An Action was mailed by the Office on ____, as to which no appeal under 37 CFR § 1.191 has been filed and
____ a response under 37 CFR § 1.116 was mailed on ____
____ via Express Mail
____ with certificate of mailing under 37 CFR § 1.8
____ that Action was a Final Rejection, the finality of which is to be withdrawn by this Request
____ an appeal or civil action under 35 U.S.C. 141,145 or 146 has been terminated
- (2) ☒ Allowed: the Notice of Allowance was mailed by the Office on November 22, 2002
☒ the Issue Fee has not been paid
____ the Issue Fee has been paid and a petition under 37 CFR § 1.313 was granted on ____
- b. ☐ Pending (with review proceeding active)
An appeal under 37 CFR § 1.191 has been filed. Applicant(s) hereby withdraw that appeal and request reopening of the prosecution of the application.

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2. SUBMISSION(S) REQUIRED (check at least one)

a. Previously submitted

- ☐ Consider the amendments/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed
on ☐
☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal or Reply Brief previously filed on ☐
☐ Other:

b. Enclosed

- ☐ Amendment/Reply
☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
☒ Information Disclosure Statement
☐ Documents under 37 CFR § 1.48
☐ Petition for Extension of Time
☐ Other:


The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned promptly following receipt and initial review of the application in light of the Submissions(s) for the conduct of, or the scheduling of, a telephone interview in the application.

Please address all correspondence to **CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE, LLP, P.O. Box 7068,
Pasadena, CA 91109-7068.**

Respectfully submitted,

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
FEE CALCULATION SHEET**

Application No. 09/772,100

| PART I - BASIC FEE | | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|
| BASIC FEE | Small Entity \$375.00 | Large Entity \$750.00 | 750.00 |

| Part II - ADDITIONAL CLAIMS (compared to application before RCE) | | | | | | |
|--|---|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest Number Previously Paid For | Number Extra Claims | Small Entity Rate | Large Entity Rate | FEE |
| Total Claims | 52 | * 52 | 0 | x \$9.00 | x \$18.00 | -0- |
| Independent Claims | 4 | ** 4 | 0 | x \$42.00 | x \$84.00 | -0- |
| First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim | | | | \$140.00 | \$280.00 | -0- |
| TOTAL CLAIMS FEE | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| List Independent Claims: 1, 16, 30 and 48 | | | | | | |
| * IF THE "HIGHEST NUMBER OF TOTAL CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR" IS LESS THAN 20, WRITE "20" IN THIS SPACE. ** IF THE HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID OR IS 3 OR LESS, WRITE "3" IN THIS SPACE. | | | | | | |

3. FEES (The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

a. Amount (total from Fee Calculation Sheet)
A check for \$750.00 is enclosed.

b. X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required for this transaction to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A duplicate copy hereof is enclosed.**

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